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# News Release

## **ICE ARRESTS CONVICTED HAITIAN HUMAN RIGHTS VIOLATOR**

MIAMI- U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) special agents today arrested Marc Kernizan, a Haitian national convicted in absentia for the murder of Antoine Izmary, a well-known supporter of the Aristide government.

Kernizan served with the Haitian military police and was promoted to major in 1992.

On Sept. 11, 1993, Izmary was attending a church mass commemorating the anniversary of the 1988 St. Jean Bosco Massacre when a government death squad escorted him from the church and shot him twice in the head. Kernizan was a member of the squad.

Kernizan was served court summons to testify about the murder, but he fled Haiti for the United States.

"The United States will not be a hiding place for murderers and persecutors," said Jesus Torres, ICE's special agent-in-charge in Miami. "Human rights violators are not going to be allowed to live here among the communities of the very people they oppressed and terrorized."

Kernizan has been placed in removal proceedings for fraud by failing to disclose his past.

ICE agents transported Kernizan to the Krome Detention Center in South Florida.

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